

## REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6 and 8-10 have been amended; claim 7 has been canceled; therefore, claims 1-6 and 8-18 remain pending.

### Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6, 10, 11, 13 and 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 2001-188341 ("Kim"). The Kim reference has an alleged publication date of July, 2001. In response, applicants submit herewith a certified translation of this application's priority document, Korean Patent Application No. 2000-82823, filed on December 27, 2000. The effective date of December 27, 2000 of this application therefore precedes the July, 2001 date of the Kim reference, thereby removing Kim as prior art. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1-6, 10-11, 13 and 15-18 as being anticipated by Kim is improper and should be withdrawn.

Next, the office action rejects claims 1-6, 10-11, 13 and 15-18 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,627,384 ("Kim '384"). In response, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of now-canceled claim 7 to traverse this rejection. Accordingly, in light of the amendments to claim 1, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1-6, 10-11, 13 and 15-18 as being anticipated by Kim '384 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that all § 102 rejections have been traversed.

### Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. § 103

Next, the office action rejects claims 1-6 and 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent No. 2001-109143 ("Shimada"). The Shimada reference has an alleged publication date of July, 2001. In response, applicants have submitted a certified translation of Korean Priority Application No. 2000-82823, which has an application date of December 27, 2000, which, of course, precedes the April, 2001 publication date of Shimada. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the § 103 rejection based upon Shimada has been traversed.

Next, the office action rejects claims 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kim (JP 2001-188341) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,132,926 ("Jung"). In view of applicants' submission of the certified priority document, Kim has been removed as prior art and therefore the rejection of claims 7-8 as being obvious in view of Kim in view of Jung is now improper and should be withdrawn.

Next, the office action rejects claims 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Kim '384. In response, applicants submit herewith an oath or declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.130 verifying that the present application and the Kim '384 reference are currently owned by the same party (Hynix Semiconductor Inc., formerly known as Hyundai Electronics Industries Co.) along with a terminal disclaimer. Therefore, in view of the submission of the terminal disclaimer, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Kim '384 is improper and should be withdrawn.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in a condition for allowance and an early action so indicating is respectfully requested.


The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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